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4. [ ] Met with Mr. Philip Trimble, Consultant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and delivered to him a letter of 14 June enclosing a statement concerning recent Soviet ICBM developments. After review, Mr. Trimble will attach the letter and enclosure to the inside rear cover of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee of 29 March 1971.

[ ] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the Agency's proposed response to the Chairman concerning H.R. 3578. Mr. Blandford noted that this would be a chance, if we cared to avail ourselves of it, to put ourselves in writing that the Agency operates under the direction of the National Security Council and reports directly to the National Security Council and to the President. I thanked Mr. Blandford for the observation. I brought him up to date on a briefing of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday and our recent contacts with Senate and House members concerning the "Ervin bill." I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items:

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